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SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012 APPROVED MARCH 12, 2012

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:34 PM on Monday, January 17, 2012.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman
Tom Congoran, Selectman
George Langwasser, Selectman
Neal Cass, Town Administrator
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: Bryan Pellerin and Denis Goddard

Public present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Bonnie and Lester Cressy, Ken Wilkens, Bryon Carr, Frank Davis

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Selectmen Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser and Congoran
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against;
motion passes, 3-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of January 3, 2012. Selectman Congoran made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser and Congoran
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against;
motion passes, 3-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of January 3, 2012, Session I. Selectmen Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Selectmen Congoran to approve the minutes of the Non Public Meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser and Congoran
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against;
motion passes, 3-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of January 3, 2012, Session II. Selectmen Congoran made a motion, seconded by Selectmen Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Non Public Meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser and Congoran
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against;
motion passes, 3-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of January 3, 2012, Session III. Selectmen Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Selectmen Congoran to approve the minutes of the Non Public Meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser and Congoran
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against;
motion passes, 3-0.

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

John Thayer, newly hired Superintendent of Public Works, was in to meet with the Board. He states the Highway crew is very capable of multi-tasking and they would well together. It is a good crew and the Town is lucky to have them. Selectmen O'Brien inquired if Mr. Thayer thought a Road Committee is a something that would be helpful to him. Mr. Thayer stated it is a good way to get the public involved with the roads and it would be worth trying to reorganize a Road Committee. Selectmen Congoran stated he would be willing to be on that committee.

A discussion ensued with regards to the open position of Light Equipment Operator. The Board and Mr. Thayer looked over the updated job description. Selectmen Congoran made a motion to accept the updated job description for Light Equipment Operator. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser and Congoran
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against;
motion passes, 3-0.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Bryon Carr inquired if the Board had read the e-mail that he sent with regards to the wording on the Article for the Community Center Fund. Selectmen O'Brien stated that he liked the wording but he still prefers to give the public the option of putting the money back into the general fund. Selectmen Langwasser stated he also would like direction from the public on this matter.

Ken Wilkens inquired about the illegal signs that are still up. Selectmen O'Brien stated that he understands that there are illegal signs up, however, that issue is not the highest priority.

Mr. Wilkens also inquired if the town buildings were monitored so we do not suffer the same fate as the state building (pipes froze). Mr. Cass stated that the Town Hall, the Bates building and the Senior Center are all monitored. He is not sure about the Library but will inquire.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Cass gave a presentation of the new website design. It is currently being updated and will be going live soon.

The Board reviewed the updated 2012 Budget sheets. Mr. Cass will have them available in the morning for the Budget Committee members.

Horseshoe Tavern property-Mr. Cass stated the roof on the building needs to be repaired. It is leaking. The Board needs to decide what the long term goal and use is for the building. A discussion ensued with regards to the condition of the cabins and the need to fix them if we are going to use them. Selectmen Congoran stated he would like to have a discussion about Horseshoe Tavern with the full board present.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Flood Control Senate Bill – Selectmen O'Brien stated the intent of the bill is to seek a remedy to the situation with Massachusetts not paying its portion of flood control to the State of New Hampshire. New Hampshire will no longer cover the costs that Massachusetts owes thus the town's will not be receiving its money for flood control. Selectmen O'Brien will be attending.

The Board reviewed the 2011 Year End Statement. Selectmen Langwasser stated the Department Heads did an excellent job of managing their budgets; and the Board needs to understand that good money management practices should not be rewarded by cutting their budgets further the following year.

Mr. Cass stated Welfare expenses will be itemized in next year's budget, allowing the Board to track when the money is going, medical, housing, heat, etc. Mr. Cass also reported 1 new client, 2 repeat clients and 6 regular clients for the month of January, 2012.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Congoran, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to go into non public session with regards to RSA 91-A:3 II (a).

ROLL CALL VOTE: O'Brien: yes; Langwasser: yes, and Congoran: yes; no votes against, motion passes, 3-0.

The Board entered Non Public Session at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.